

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 57th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN ROGER SOMERVILLE**, on January 12, 2001
at 3:00 P.M., Commission Room, MDT Complex.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Roger Somerville, Chairman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Carol C. Juneau, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Ronald Devlin (R)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Donald L. Hedges (R)
Rep. Jim Keane (D)
Rep. Gary Matthews (D)
Rep. William Price (R)
Rep. Allen Rome (R)
Rep. Frank Smith (D)
Rep. Donald Steinbeisser (R)
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Darrel Adams (R)
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)
Rep. Steven Gallus (D)
Rep. George Golie (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Mary Alice Chester, Committee Aide
Leanne Kurtz, Legislative Branch

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and
discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Montana Department of Transportation
Facility Tour

Jim Currie, Deputy Director of MDT, welcomed the House
Transportation Committee to the MDT Complex. **Mr. Currie**

illustrated the apportionment from TEA and the 10% "take down dollars" which can be used by MDT, but only if other states do not use all their obligation limits or if Congress does not pass a new transportation bill. This money can be built up through the years.

Rep. Devlin asked **Mr. Currie** if this money is restricted. **Mr. Currie** said yes, this money does have categories and sub-categories in the National Highways Program.

Mr. John Blacker, Administrator of Maintenance Division, explained that MDT maintains a State Motor Pool of 200 vehicles for state agencies to rent and has a lease program of 500 vehicles throughout the state. **Rep. Hedges** asked **Mr. Blacker** if the license plate shows this usage. He said yes, there is a sticker for motor pool vehicles. **Rep. Juneau** asked **Mr. Blacker** about the mileage rate. He replied it is currently 28 to 29 cents per mile. **Chairman Somerville** asked **Mr. Blacker** if legislators can use the motor pool. He replied they may if they have a billing code and a driver's license.

A presentation was given on the MDT website titled "Montana Travel Information". It includes trucker information, road maintenance information which is updated twice daily. The website also includes National Weather Service Links, and Remote Site information. The new Bozeman rest area includes a monitor with this website and truckers using this frequently. These monitors will be included in all new rest areas.

The Committee toured the MDT Photogrammetry Department, which obtains reliable measurements from ariel photographs and prepares them for surveys. They also visited the Computer Aided Drafting and Design (CADD) training area. The tour concluded with a visit to the Shop Building to see the Truck and Snow Plow Fabrication and striping equipment. See **EXHIBIT(trh09a01)** **EXHIBIT(trh09a02)**.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:00 P.M.

REP. ROGER SOMERVILLE, Chairman

DONNA HUFFMAN, Secretary

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EXHIBIT (trh09aad)